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Nanomaterials: New Challenges, New Strategies

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What will California Make?

Economic Profile

California's main economic sectors and their contribution to GDP are as follows:

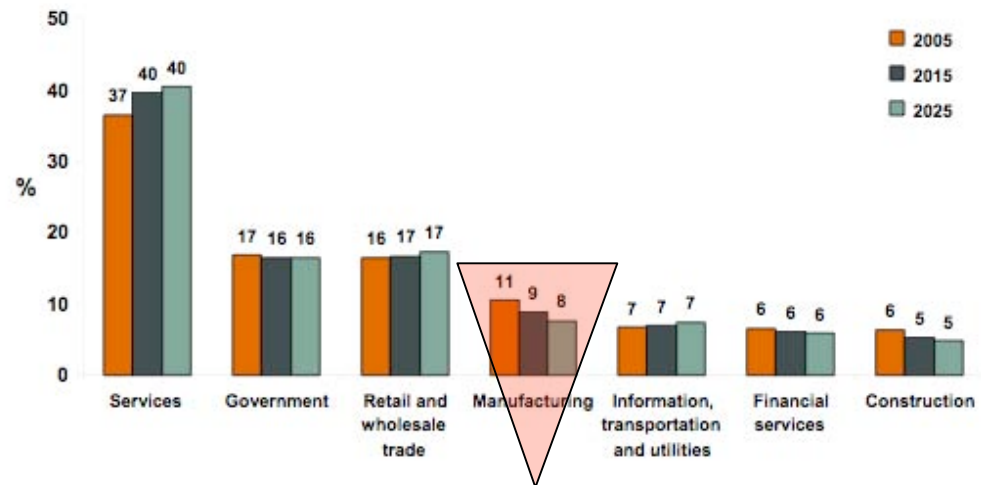
Economic Sectors in California, 2005 (in US millions)		
Sector		% of State GDP
Services	420,779	25.3
Finance, insurance, and real estate	380,401	22.9
Government	178,431	10.7
Manufacturing	157,148	9.5
Retail trade	113,903	6.9
Information	107,120	6.4
Wholesale trade	92,548	5.6
Construction	76,487	4.6
Transportation and public utilities	62,483	3.8
Agriculture, forestry, and fishing	23,132	1.4
Mining	9,685	0.6
Total	1,622,117	

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

California Chamber of Commerce



Projected Changes in Employment Share by Industry, 2005 to 2025



California's Future Economy, Public Policy Institute, September 2008



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Margo Johnson,
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Nanotechnology: Mapping the wild
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Diana M. Bowman, Graeme A. Hodge,
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Nanomaterials: California Gold

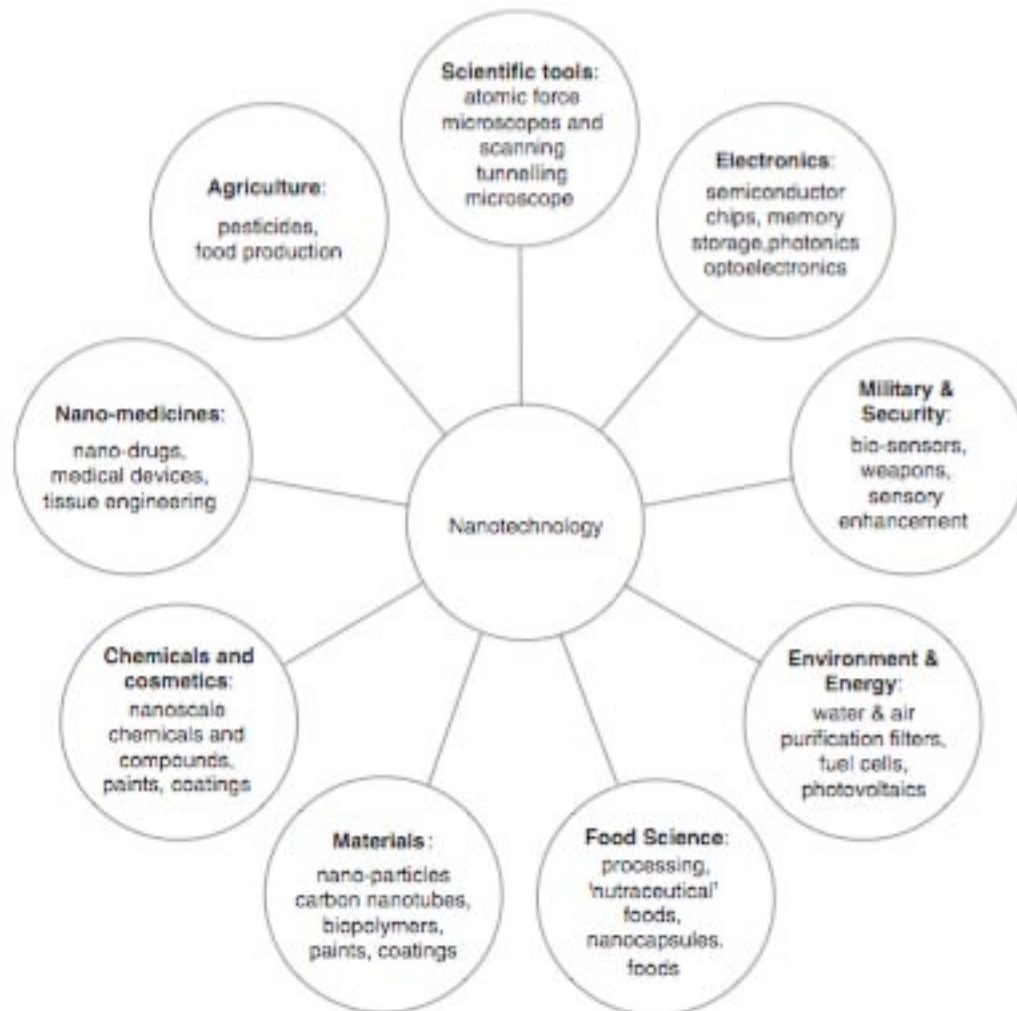
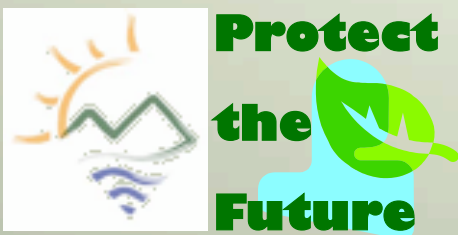


Fig. 1. Prospective first- and second-generation nanotechnology applications.



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What do we see?



City of
Berkeley
2006

*Recommendations for a
Municipal Health & Safety Policy
for Nanomaterials*
A Report to the Cambridge City
Manager
July 2008



SNUR for CNT effective June 24, 2009



*Hiding a toxic nanomaterial's
identity: TSCA's disappearing act*
July 14, 2009
Richard Denison, Ph.D.





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California & Nanotechnology

○ **Protect public health and the environment.**

- **Sustain innovation and success by creating trust in the marketplace**

- **Fill the marketplace with information**

- **AB 289 – Data Call-in** (CNT issued 01.09)
- **AB 1879 – Safer Alternatives**
- **SB 509 – Information Portal**



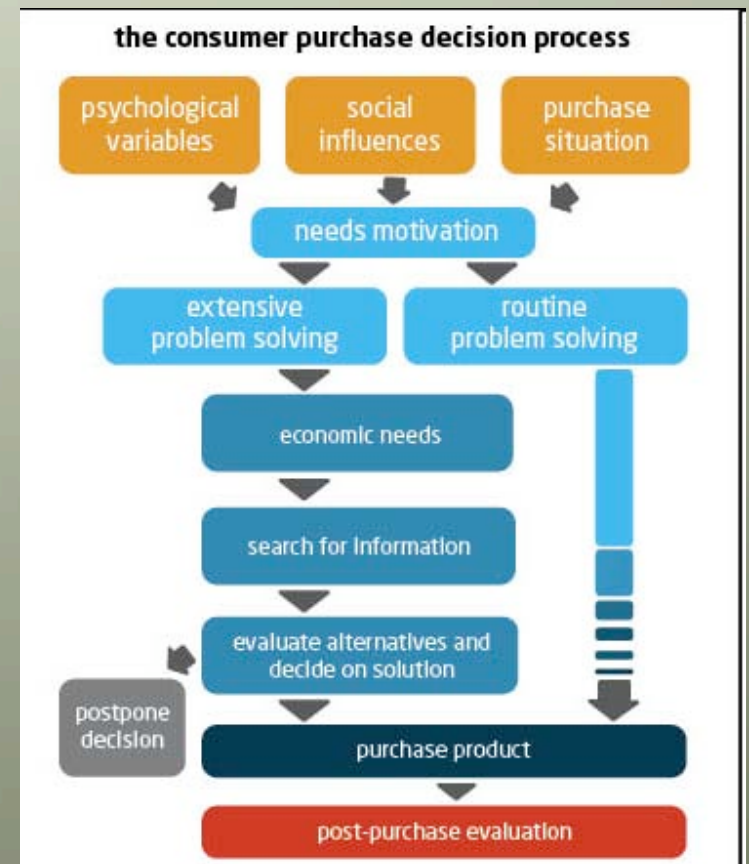


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Improving Public Health & Environmental Protection

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- **Toxics in consumer products.** Mounting evidence shows relationship between chemicals in products & negative impacts
- **Information lacking for businesses and consumers.** Knowledge about chemicals in products & their impacts is limited
- **Existing cradle-to-grave framework is inadequate.** Failed graves
- **Focus on design and process that leads to better protection and products**



http://img.quamut.com/chart/6781/03_consumer_purchase_decision.jpg



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Words of caution...

- “..[T]he properties of nanoparticles can be sufficiently different.. that standard regulatory approaches.. may not be protective of public health and the environment.”



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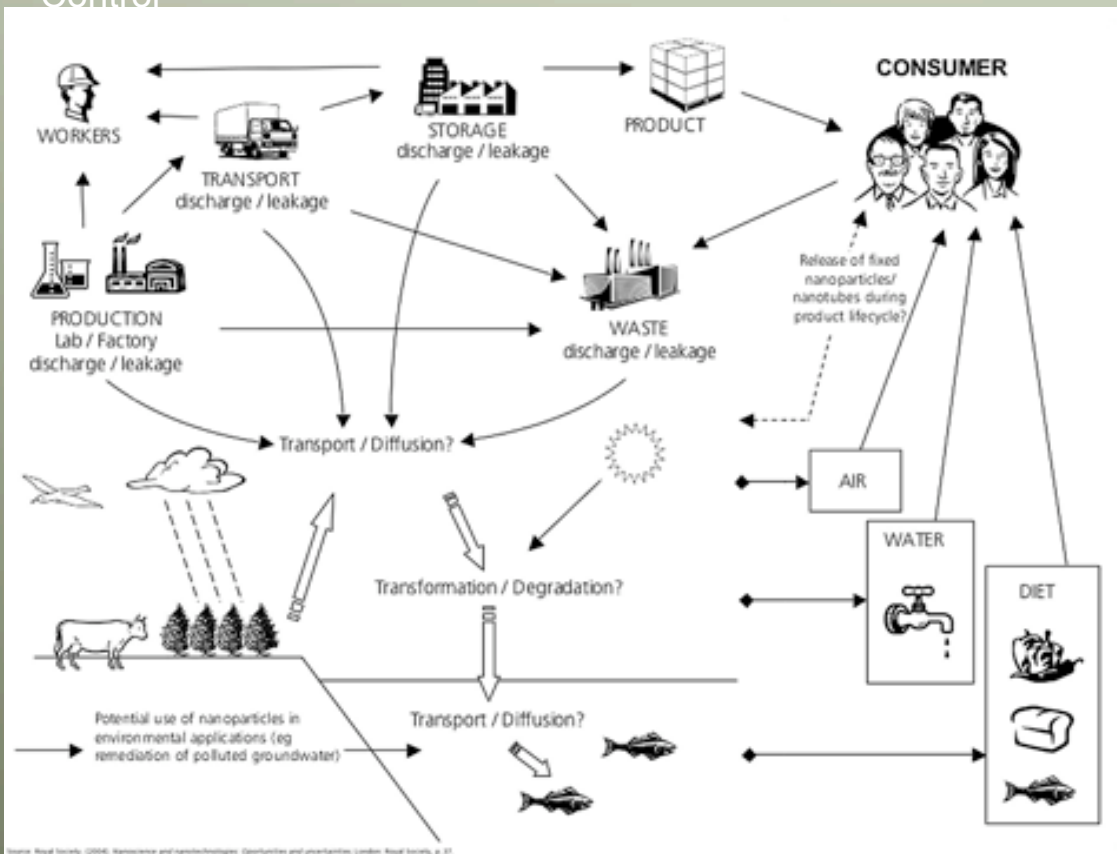
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"Danger, Will Robinson!"

"Deadliest of the Species." *Lost in Space* (1965-68)



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- Unique properties
- **Unsure** about hazards that maybe associated with size, shape, chemical/physical properties, etc.
- **Unknown** exposures
- **Lack** of standardized analytical and hazard evaluation methodologies...



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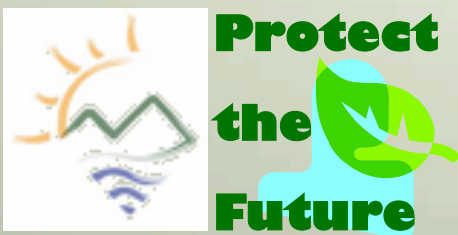
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California's Initial Approach:

Health & Safety Code
Chapter 699, Section 57019-20
(AB 289, 2006, Assembly Member Wilma Chan)



- Identify California manufacturers
- Research and identify information needs
- Consult with external experts on information needs (universities, industry associations and others)
- Notification on the DTSC and Cal/EPA web sites
- Collaborate with manufacturers
- Manufacturers have up to one year to provide the requested information
- Protect trade secret claims
- Share the information provided



What is a nanotechnology or nanomaterial ?

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Nanomaterials	Solar	Alt. power and energy storage	Water technologies	Biomaterials and biotechnology
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nanocomposites Nanocoatings Nanocatalysts Nanomaterial applications Ceramic nanoparticles Metal nanoparticles Carbon nanotubes Fullerenes Dendrimers Nanostructured bulk materials Nanoporous materials Quantum dots Nanowires Nanostructured surfaces Polymer nanofibers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crystalline silicon (mono- and multi-crystalline silicon) Ribbon silicon Silicon thin-film (amorphous, microcrystalline, and nanocrystalline) Solar thermal Concentrating solar CIGS/CIS thin films CdTe thin films Additional system components (substrates, encapsulants, etc.) Balance of systems components (trackers, inverters, etc.) Electrochemical/dye-sensitized (Grätzel) solar cells Organic thin-film solar cells Building-integrated photovoltaics (BIPV) Printable solar cells 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Battery technologies Battery materials Super/ ultracapacitor Printed batteries Flow batteries Compressed air energy storage (CAES) Flywheels Thermoelectric cooling/heating Thermoelectric materials Thermoelectric power generation Hybrid electric vehicles Alternative engines Fuel cell devices Fuel cell catalysts/MEA's Fuel cell components Hydrogen storage devices Hydrogen storage materials Uninterruptible power supply (UPS) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water purification equipment Water purification membranes Water purification filters Containment technologies Desalination technologies Contaminant removal Water treatment Water mapping Water monitoring Water formation Wastewater technologies Stormwater technologies Industrial water technologies Sensor technologies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Targeted delivery, nanoencapsulation and nanoparticulate reformulations Molecular diagnostics Biopharmaceuticals and biomanufacturing Genetic engineering and GMOs Surfaces/ biointerfaces Drug-device combinations Regenerative medicine RNAi and gene therapy Synthetic biology Systems biology Biopolymers and composites Biocatalysis and enzymes



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Words of advice...

- “For regulatory regimes: characterization based upon size etc. are not as useful as characterization based upon use.”



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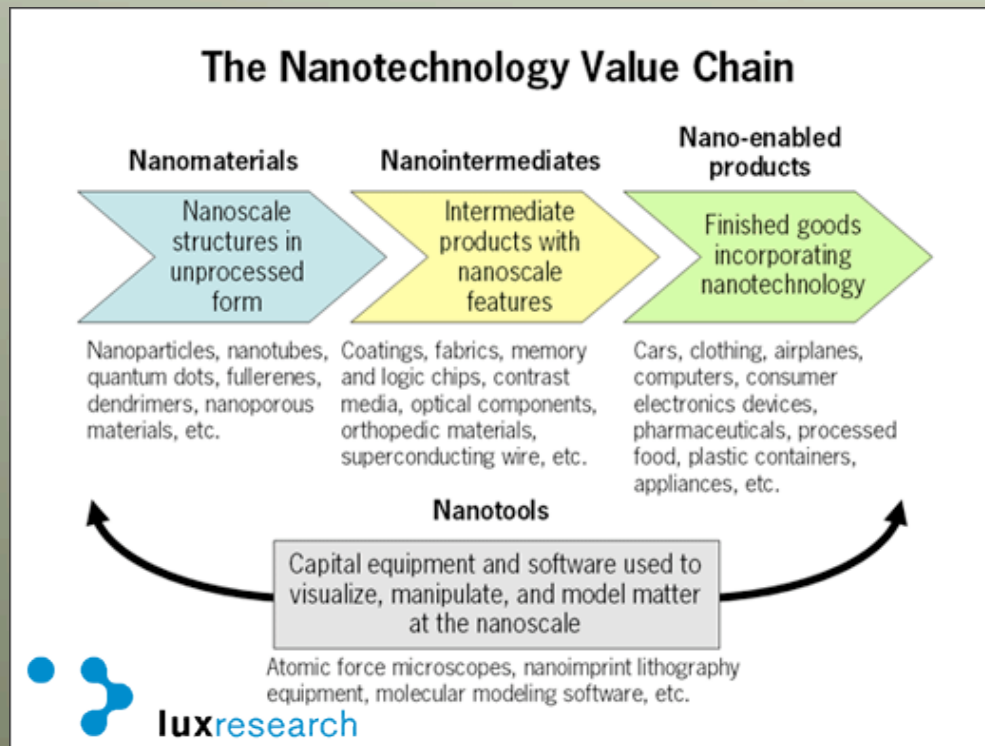
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Predicting Potential Exposure through the Value Chain:

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- Who makes what and where ?
- Who buys what and what do they do with it ?
- What products involve nanomaterials ?
- What happens at “end-of-life ?”



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Words that question...

- “[Can we] develop expertise to be able to utilize knowledge about physicochemical properties.. to accurately predict biological effects?”



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First we have to find it....

(to determine exposure)



- Detection in environment ?
- Detection in body ?
- How will measurement be made?
- What isolation methodology will be used?
- How to determine identity/form of chemical ?

<http://www.marriedtothesea.com/mtts-archives/mttsarchive-may07.php>



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Is there a toxicologist in the house?

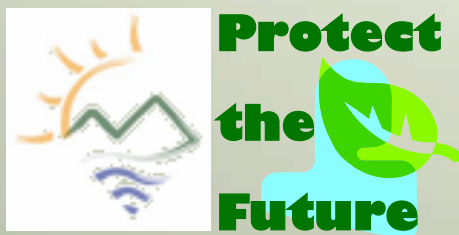


**Current toxicology and risk
assessment capacity has been
surpassed?**

Regulatory policy paradigm shift ?

Base regulatory decisions on “less than whole
animal?”

Should business decisions “not to invest” be
based upon “less than regulatory decisions?”



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AB 289 CNT Questions: due Jan 2010



- What sampling, detection and measurement methods to detect and measure the presence in the workplace and the environment?



- What methods used to protect workers in the research and manufacturing environment?



- Knowledge about the current and projected presence in the environment that results from manufacturing, distribution, use, and end-of-life disposal?



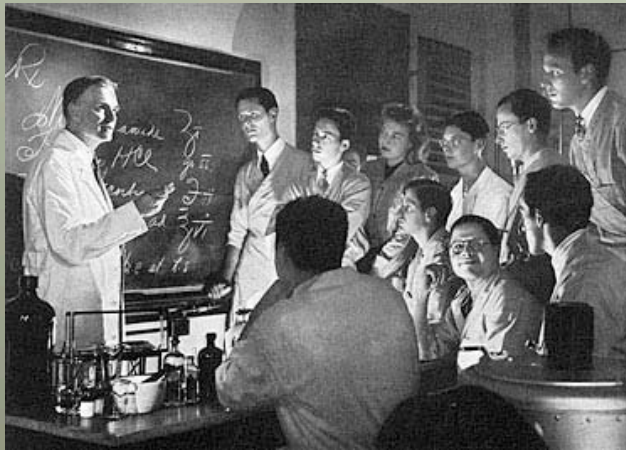
- Knowledge about the safety in terms of occupational safety, public health and the environment?



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Next Steps under AB 289



○ **Expand Call-in**

- Nanomaterials & chemicals

○ **Form Partnerships**

- Manufacturing & Retail
- Nanotechnology Sector
- Universities
- State Agencies

○ **Increase in Authority ?**

- Based upon CNT experience
- Incentive
- Enforcement
- Integrate with **GCI**



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Words about “pre-caution”

- “[There needs to be a] significant investment in good science to make decisions based upon knowledge rather than the uncertain conditions that invoke the use of the precautionary principle.”

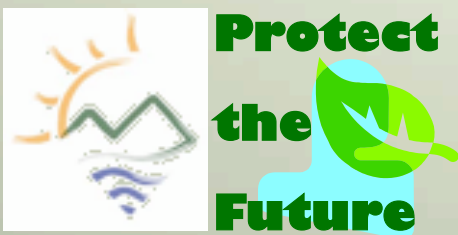


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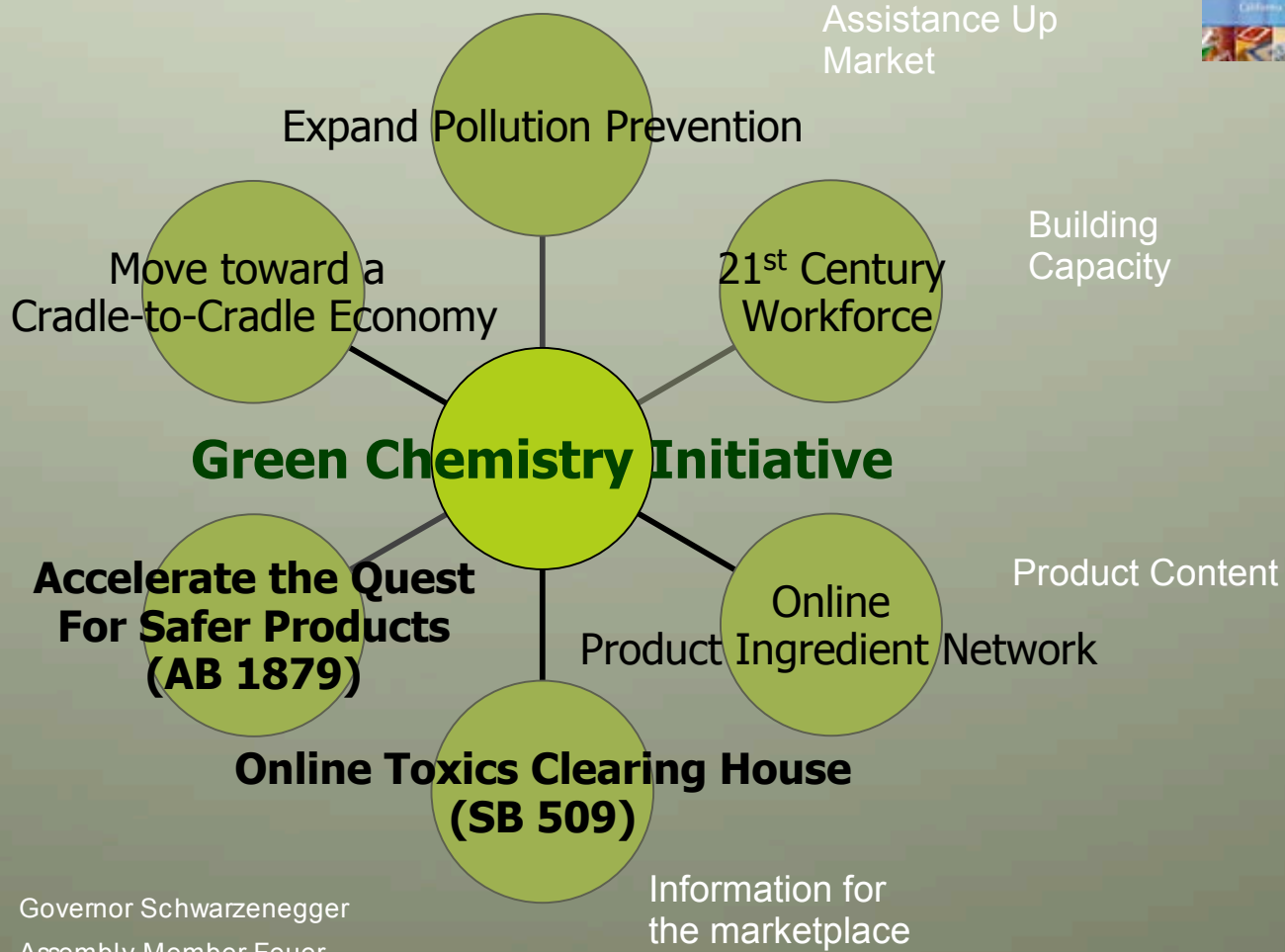
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Green Chemistry Initiative



Assistance Up
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Market
Incentives



Governor Schwarzenegger
Assembly Member Feuer,
Senator Simitian



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Choosing Safer Alternatives AB 1879



Identify and prioritize
products/chemicals

Identify & prioritize
end uses

Identify, evaluate
and compare
alternatives

Select and review
preferred alternative

Implement preferred
alternative

**COCs &
priorities**

**Alternatives
Assessment
w/LCA**

**Regulatory
Responses**



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